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#### ELUSIVE ISABEL.

osing, as it does, an alliance between cular Staircase. Mrs. Rinehart's vocain their brief prestige on the Amer-great demand for detective stories. can continent, and a fascinating wom in whose name and purpose remain sidden from the reader for many pages, and who, in this vast interna- York City. lonal intrigue, plays with ambassa. The Williamsons, whose latest Glasgow, lors and other important creatures of story, "Set in Silver," has just been York City. covernment as pawns. One enjoys the published by Doubleday, Page & ation," and lies entirely amid the liplomatic circle, whose titles cosumes, manner and accent are deftly rawn upon for color and variety.

re interesting: First, Isabel, mainained in the atmosphere of romance ery deep, delightfully nonchalant, and walks, and motor excursions. whom commissions to find missing ils "perfect shod" feet on his desk quaint antique furniture is said to of strength and loveliness. and sit thinking for an hour. The plot represent the "finds" of a year's motoes not lag from the moment the toring in England. talian minister, sitting at dinner, reeives the mysterious crested card of sabel, through the scene in which the John T. Dye. nternational Council sits masked and Co., Indianapolis. frimm threatens to fire the bomb if he proposed compact is not destroyed. n to the final situation in which road, is the author of an important lrimm-very grim he is indeedogether into a chain of mystery that eems to glitter more brightly than government in the hands of the few; ents.
loes any single brilliant in it. The the other the ownership of the plants. The Coroner's jury returned ender is run up the blindest of blind scape. When the final explanations made, and the reader discovers

So swift is its movement, so sparking is its style, so spontaneous are ts surprises-there could not be a more delightful book for spring or ummer reading, ELUSIVE ISABEL s the speeding arrow of a brilliant

#### LITERARY NOTES.

The Bobbs-Merrill Company May, 1909.

Mary Roberts Rinehart had never ritten a detective story, or a long ary of any sort, until an editor friend nt her aspicture of Anna Katherine reen, asked her to hang it over her sk and under the inspiration of the other of The Filigree Ball to produce detective yarn. Mrs. Rinchart was eger enough to be inspired but some ow the divine afflatus was slow to arrive. Then she went to Washington for a visit and on her way home hap pened to occupy lower berth number

en She couldn't sleep and, as she lay there awake, the possibilities of a Pullman for a crime and mystery gradally broke upon her. THE MAN IN OWER TEN was the result.

Emerson Hough, the author of 54-40 or Fight and The Mississippi Bubble very fond of outdoor life. It takes good man to beat him when it omes to telling a story around the camp fire at night. While camping out n the Adirondacks with a party of his riends, the conversation turned on choes and how plainly they could be Echoes were getting "louder and louder," until silenced by the fol-

owing statement by Mr. Hough:-"Out in the Rocky Mountains it takes eight hours to hear the echo of your voice. When I camp out there. and just before I pull the blankets around me for the night, I shout out, Time to get up!' and-do you believe it-the echo wakes me next morn-

Emerson Hough, author of The Mishesippi Bubble, Fifty-Four Forty of etc., has left for Europe to spend the annmer. He will pursue his own way, without guide or guide book. Mr. Hough has been offered a very large salary by William Randolph Hearst to do special work for his newspapers, but has declined.

thar story by Molly Elliot Scawell.

ies" as in progress among passengers transcentinental train. Among those who take part in the conversation and sociology, a banker and miner, a romances by Mary Roberts Rinehart. civil engineer, a Catholic bishop, a received two inquiries for the rights professor of law in a Western law The plot is original and daring sup of translation into French of The Cir. school, and another passenger who comes "from the mining camps of he Latin countries of Europe to re-Germany, where there is always a erhood would only excite derision. and where both sides have committed outrages that tre a reproach to our SET IN SILVER by the William- eivilization.

NOT A TRAINED MAN, by Ellen

Readers and reviewers, alike, apery audacity of the author's imagina. Company, are very fond of the Rivi-pear to be expereincing difficulty ion and the skill with which he works era, whither they go in the early with the name of Miss Glasgow's nut his idea. The scene is laid in autumn, just when the English garnew juvet. "The Romance of a Nashington, "the drawing-room of the dens are beginning to fade. By the Plain Man" was the title Miss Glas middle of October, of course, there is gow bestowed upon the work. This summer on the Riviera. The roses however, did not suit one critic, who are still in bloom, and the fresh new promptly changed it to "The Rograss is green as emerald. This is, mance of a Plain Woman," about as The story is humanly propelled to be sure, an early time to come to far away from the facts in the case thiefly by three persons, all of whom the Riviera; but the Williamsons as he could well get. Now a reader have a private villa not far from sends for a copy of "The Romance of a Trained Man." Monte Carle, which used to be a Insomuch as the rom the outset; Campbell, chief of shooting lodge of the former Prince entire plot of the novel rests upon he secret service, and, of more im- of Monaco. Before the season really the fact that whatever training the ortance to the reader. Grimm, his begins and friends come in, they bero got, he had to give himself. ight-hand man, very impassive but write in the quiet, take long drives, this is almost as uncalled for an About May they return to their warranted reflections on the herocold, or missing men, or to prevent old-fashioned garden in Surrey, ine's personal attractiveness. As world-war, do not rouse from out. There they live in a queer old house matter of fact, she is as beautiful as vard listlessness, and whose method as old as the days of Queen Elizabeth, her lover is plain, and the romance of beginning work on a case is to place. It has a secret room in it, and the is the world-old theme of the union

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH

IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY, by The Bobbs-Merrill An inquest was held on the body of the Japanese child, Tanabe Kuni-John T. Dye, for many years gen ga, who was killed on Thursday by eral counsel of the Big Four Railbeing run over by a wagon. Muir moto, the driver of the vehicle, gave book published by the Bobbs-Merrill evidence to the fact that the little orces himself into Isabel's home and continued by the Boons-Merrin evidence to the fact that the little corces himself into Isabel's home and continued by Ideals of Defellow had been riding with him on mocracy." Mr. Dye's premise can the wagon and had tried to alight best be stated in his bwn words: in a hurry, and had fallen between incepticably concerned in all affairs, he repeated encounters between her the following the front and him wheel of the following the figuration of cart. The driver had picked the power in the following and financial child was the following that the little corrections are reliable to the fact that the little corrections and sometimes are reliable to Homester in the Boons Merchant Company. and Grimm, thread all the situations power in the industrial and financial child up at once and had done all in world, and with it the control of the his power to help the distracted par-

and implements of industry, and the verdict of accidental death and exlleys, whence apparently there is no distribution of its products by the onerated Murimoto from any blame states. The two tendencies work out in the matter.

the same result—the destruction of hat he has been doubly failed, his respect for the author goes up mother poses both, and seeks to preserve the Wis., June 16.—While the marriage freedom of the individual by the vows of Miss Catherine Mulhaney and equal administration of just laws." John Barts, a leading businessman of In order to bring to bear upon the this city, were being solemnized Miss subject full consideration of it from loseph Manitk, a friend of the bride all the varying viewpoints, Mr. Dye and groom, who attended the cervery happily fancies a general dis-mony, fell dead from appolexy.

#### Owen Wister, Famous Novelist, Rallying After Long Illness



Owen Wister, the no clist, is slowly recovering from a nervous col-inpse that lafted his liferary labors and threatened, his life some time Mr. Wister's case, which has pressed some of the ablest physicians A Norwegan translation is being and nerve specialists in the country dates from the time of the death nade of The Fortunes of Fift, the pop- of his motion pearly a year ago. The not occurrence completely unnerved the norelist, and after a time he sought to divert his mind by hard work. This coupled with his weakened condition, caused a col-Within one week The Bobbs-Morral import A moved on which the nuttion of "The Virginias" was at work Company, publishers of the mystery than not been worked for several months.

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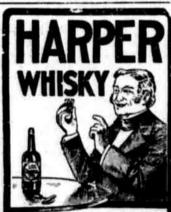
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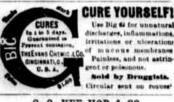
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